

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
111 Darby Shire Circle
Frankfort, KY 40601

Monday, June 17, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Judge Roger Crittenden, Chair; Dr. Jaime Pittenger, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky; Commissioner Eric T. Clark, Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Dr. Christina Howard, University of Kentucky, Department of Pediatrics; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Centers, CHFS; Dr. William Ralston, State Medical Examiner; Detective Isaac Waters, Kentucky State Police; Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Shelley Wood, State Child Fatality Review Team, CHFS; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Elizabeth Croney, Board of Social Work; Steve Shannon, KARP; and Shawna Kelly-Blair, CASA of Eastern Kentucky

Welcome:

Judge Roger Crittenden

Judge Crittenden welcomed panel members and staff to the meeting. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Kids Are Worth It Conference, on September 9th at the Convention Center in Lexington. More information will be distributed to the panel as it becomes available. The panel will meet as planned on October 21st but will **not** meet on October 22nd. The panel will determine if a special meeting is required in early November. Minutes and Case Review Summaries from the April meeting stand approved.

Case Uploads:

For FY18, the panel has 131 total cases to review, forty-three (43) fatalities and eighty-eight (88) near fatalities. After today's meeting, the panel will have completed sixty-two (62) cases. Forty-three (43) cases are pending review by the case analysts and twenty-five (25) cases need to be uploaded by DCBS. On average, from the time DCBS is assigned the investigation to completion, it takes ten months. The range is anywhere from 3-20 months with an additional 4-5 months until the case is uploaded for panel review.

DCBS response: The issue was brought to the attention of the Commissioner's office. DCBS acknowledges it takes too long to receive the cases and will be focusing their efforts on a solution. The department views this as a twofold issue; 1) how do you deal with lingering cases, and 2) how do you prevent the delays in the future. In reviewing those past due cases, the majority are from Jefferson County. Jefferson County has over 5,000 past due cases and the department has requested additional workforce support in order to address this issue.

The panel further inquired about the status of increasing the amount of social workers across the state and increasing salaries. DCBS did receive additional funds which increased the salaries for certain classes of social workers and the remaining funds implemented new technology and mobility solutions. The major problem DCBS is facing at this time is retaining social workers.

Pending Case Reviews:

F-036-18-C – Panel determined “law enforcement issues”. The law enforcement agency failed to further investigate the skull fracture after the autopsy determined it did not cause the death.

Case Review:

The following cases were reviewed by the Panel. A case summary of findings and recommendations are attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
1	F-014-18-C	Joel Griffith
2	F-019-18-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-027-18-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-08-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-038-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
4	F-037-18-PH	Joel Griffith
2	F-002-18-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-029-18-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-010-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-029-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
4	F-011-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	F-039-18-PH	Joel Griffith
3	F-040-18-PH	Joel Griffith
3	F-043-18-PH	Joel Griffith
1	NF-032-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-035-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-037-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-027-18-NC	Joel Griffith
4	NF-080-18-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-040-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-048-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
1	NF-070-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger
2	NF-043-18-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-050-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
3	NF-079-18-NC	Cindy Curtsinger
4	NF-061-18-C	Cindy Curtsinger

Meeting adjourned